

Troopers Arrest Elkton, MD Man for Theft Following Pursuit – Newark

Newark– Delaware State Police arrested 38 year-old **Edward Carlson** of Elkton, MD on criminal and traffic charges following a pursuit Wednesday morning.

On October 21, 2020, at approximately 10:35 a.m., a trooper observed an orange motorcycle traveling eastbound Route 40 which matched the description of the suspect vehicle involved in the theft of vehicle parts. The trooper observed the operator of the motorcycle commit numerous traffic violations while he was driving through parking lots looking for potential vehicles. The suspect circled his motorcycle around a white work van parked in the Peoples Plaza shopping center and then stopped next to it. The suspect noticed a Delaware State Police patrol car and immediately exited the parking lot onto Glasgow Ave on his motorcycle. The Trooper initiated a traffic stop on Route 896 southbound, but the operator failed to stop and fled. The suspect committed numerous traffic violations while fleeing. The suspect turned onto Choptank Road and attempted to navigate a traffic circle at Bethel Church Road. The suspect was unable to control his motorcycle and was ejected. After falling from his motorcycle the suspect continued to resist arrest. After a brief struggle, the suspect, identified as Edward Carlson was taken into custody.

Carlson was not injured as a result of the incident and refused medical attention. Upon contact, Troopers discovered a reciprocating saw in the backpack of the suspect.

Through further investigation, Troopers were able to connect Carlson to the theft of catalytic converters from previous incidents.

Carlson was transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal (felony)
- Theft Under \$1500 where Victim is 62 years of Age or Older (Felony)
- Resisting Arrest
- Attempted Theft Under \$1500 – 2 counts
- Criminal Mischief Under \$1000 – 3 counts
- Reckless Driving
- Failure to have Required Insurance
- Operation of Unregistered Motor Vehicle
- Failure to Obey a Traffic Device
- Failure to Signal
- Failure to Stop at a Red Lights
- Driving at Unreasonable Speed
- Drive in the Proper Lane and Direction
- No Motorcycle License

Carlson was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 and released on his own recognizance.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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